(Employees') Pension Regulation, 1995, provides for grant of pensionary benefits to those who voluntarily retire from banks' service on or after 1st November, 1993 after completing 20 years of qualifying service. While Government has not framed a new VRS, views of Chief Executives of public sector banks have been sought on the desirability of introducing in public sector banks a Scheme which is in operation in public sector undertakings, with or without modifications. Since as yet, no firm proposal has been formultated, (c), (d) and (e) do not arise.

Revision of conveyance allowance payable to Central Government Employees

127. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) whether, in view of the increase in fare in transport services, there is any proposal under Government's consideration for rationalisation and revision of the conveyance allowance in respect of the Central Government employees, particularly in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, by when the proposal would materialise; and

(c) by when the conveyance allowance at the revised rate would be paid to the Central Government employees in Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Does not arise.

Export House Status to Hotels

128. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to bestow Export House status to the hotels; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir, The Government have bestowed the service export house status